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SUBJ: BICENTENNIAL FILM FESTIVAL

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1. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUESTIONS ABOUT APPROVAL FOR BICENTENNIAL FILM FESTIVAL, MFA CULTURAL DIVISION DEPUTY CHURLIN ON SOCIAL OCCASION REITERATED NEED FOR EMBASSY DIRECTLY CONTACT SLAVNOV OF GOSKINO IF "QUICK DECISION" DESIRED.

2. P&C COUNSELOR REPLIED THAT "QUICK DECISION" HAD NOT BEEN REQUIRED WHEN EMBASSY SUBMITTED ITS NOTE OF JANUARY 9 PROPOSING FESTIVAL. WITH REGARD TO NOTES PROPOSING VARIOUS P&C SPONSORED EXHIBITS CHURLIN HAS DESCRIBED MFA AS COORDINATOR OF CONTACTS WITH MANY AGENCIES REQUIRED IN CLEARING OUR REQUESTS. WHY WAS FILM FESTIVAL DIFFERENT?

CHURLIN THEN OFFERED "ADVICE AS A FRIEND:" TALK WITH GOSKINO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SINCE WAITING FOR THE NORMAL CLEARANCE PROCESS MIGHT PRECLUDE A WELL-ORGANIZED FESTIVAL "IF WE WANTED IT TO BEGIN IN MID-JUNE." IT IS ALWAYS A PROBLEM, CHURLIN ENDED RATHER LAMELY, TO DEAL WITH "SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS."

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3. COMMENT: OBVIOUSLY, GOSKINO IS THE KEY "SOCIAL ORGANIZATION" INVOLVED. EQUALLY CLEARLY, MFA IS NOT PRESSURING GOSKINO TO BEGIN COOPERATING WITH THE EM-BASSY ON WHAT MUST INEVITABLY BE A POPULAR, HIGH-PROFILE PROGRAM. P&C COUNSELOR HAS REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH SLAVNOV AND HAS SO INFORMED MFA/CULT, BUT NO MEETING YET SET.

WITH NY PHILHARMONIC SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER AND THE BICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT SCHEDULED TO OPEN ON NOVEMBER 11, AN OCTOBER DATE FOR FILM FESTIVAL BEGINS LOOK LIKE PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE TO PROPOSED JUNE EVENT.  
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